

**Public Safety and Security Committee
Public Hearing Testimony**

March 2, 2010

HB 5343 (RAISED) AN ACT AUTHORIZING KENO

Supplemental Testimony of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation

Submitted March 4, 2010

HB 5343 (RAISED) AN ACT AUTHORIZING KENO
Supplemental Testimony

The Connecticut Lottery Corporation wishes to supplement its earlier testimony on HB 5343 An Act Authorizing Keno dated March 2, 2010 as follows.

Under its enabling legislation, the mission of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation is to operate the lottery in an entrepreneurial and business-like manner in order to provide continuing and increased revenue to the people of the state and for the public good and that such operation of the lottery is to be done with integrity.

The game of Keno is a lottery matrix style and numbers match game consistent with other lottery draw games such as Powerball, Lucky-4-Life, Classic Lotto, Cash 5 or Daily Numbers that are currently offered by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation. The Connecticut Lottery Corporation's authority to introduce new lottery games is found under §12-806(b)(4) of Connecticut General Statutes.

We feel the revision to the definition of the word "Lottery" under Section 12-801(3) to include the game of "Keno" is unnecessary for two reasons. First, it is our position that Keno is a lottery draw game that we are already authorized to conduct under our enabling legislation. Second, this section defining "Lottery" relates to the corporate structure of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and not lottery games and as such inclusion of the word "Keno" in this section is improper.

Additionally, the legislation should not define "Keno", or the game parameters as proposed in Section 12-801(4) of the bill. Rather the design and parameters of the game are the responsibility of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation in conjunction with and subject to approval by the Division of Special Revenue, and the Connecticut Lottery Corporation's Board of Directors as described below.

First, game rules and procedures would be developed by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation in accordance with its enabling legislation and existing regulations. Once this process was concluded the aforementioned rules and procedures would be forwarded to the Division of Special Revenue for review and approval. After obtaining the Division of Special Revenue's approval, the game rules would be brought before the Connecticut Lottery Corporation's Board of Directors for approval.